

## **Amendments to the Specification**

*Please amend the paragraph starting on page 22, line 11, as follows:*

### **Brief Description of Drawings**

Figure 1 illustrates the in vivo determination of the transepidermal water loss (TEWL) following damage to the skin barrier by SDS treatment.

Figure 2 illustrates the in vivo determination of the skin moisture after ectoin treatment and dehydration by means of silica gel.

Figure 3 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing action of human erythrocytes pretreated with ectoin against SDS.

Figure 4 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing action of human erythrocytes pretreated with ectoin against SDS.

Figure 5 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing properties of Substance A and reference stabilizer after 1 hour's RBC preincubation.

Figure 6 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing properties of Substance A and reference stabilizer after 1 hour's RBC preincubation.

Figure 7 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing properties of Substance A and reference stabilizer after 1 hour's RBC preincubation.

Figure 8 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing properties of Substance A and reference stabilizer after 1 hour's RBC preincubation.

Figure 9 illustrates the determination of the membrane-stabilizing properties of Substance A and reference stabilizer after 1 hour's RBC preincubation.